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SUBJECT: MAY MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF
GOVERNMENT BUDGET EXPERTS.

REF: STATE 123834

1. JANUARY 1, 1978 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT DISCUSSED
AT GREAT LENGTH BY COMMITTEE. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S
REPRESENTATIVE AND STAFF ASSOCIATION REP, AS COULD BE
EXPECTED, CONTINUED TO PUSH FOR FULL 100 PERCENT
ADJUSTMENT. US DEL'S AGREEMENT TO FULL COL ADJUSTMENT
ABOVE 2 PERCENT TRIGGER THRESHOLD (REFTEL PARA 2)
CONVINCED BOTH SEC GEN AND STAFF ASSN REPS THAT THIS
WAS AS FAR AS THEY COULD TAKE ISSUE.

2. COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED CHAIRMAN TO DRAFT REPORT TO
COUNCILS TO INCLUDE SAFEGUARD CLAUSE, CALLING FOR
REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY AMOUNTS PAID IN EXCESS OF
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ADJUSTMENT EVENTUALLY GRANTED BY 133RD REPORT. STAFF
ASSN REP FELT IT COULD NOT ACCEPT WORD "REFUND" BUT
AGREED THAT ANY OVERPAYMENTS MIGHT BE DEDUCTED FROM
FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENT.

3. NETHERLANDS HAS RESERVATION ON ITEM SINCE DOCUMENT
DATED MAY 12 (CCG/W(78)6 REVISED) INCREASED DUTCH COL

INDEX FROM 102.0 TO 102.3, MAKING COORDINATED
EMPLOYEES IN HOLLAND ELIGIBLE FOR COL ADJUSTMENT UNDER
APPROVED TRIGGER THRESHOLD MECHANISM.

4. JULY 1, 1978 SALARY REVIEW. TO AVOID ANY DOUBTS
ABOUT CONTINUING VALIDITY OF 133RD CCG REPORT,
COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED CHAIRMAN TO DRAFT REPORT TO
COUNCILS STATING THAT 133RD REPORT PROCEDURES WOULD BE
USED UNTIL NEW REPORT APPROVED. WILL FURNISH TEXT OF
CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT TO DEPT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, WELL IN
ADVANCE OF JUNE 21-22 CCG MEETING.

5. US NATO MAY WISH TO REPORT FURTHER ON 2 ITEMS
INTRODUCED AT CCG MEETING UNDER OTHER BUSINESS:
1) VALIDATION OF PAST SERVICE
2) REIMBURSEMENT OF PROVIDENT FUND WITHDRAWALS
SECGENS REPS EXPRESSED STRONG VIEWS THAT THESE ITEMS
CONCERNED ONLY NATO AND DID NOT BELONG ON CCG AGENCA.
FURTHER DISCUSSION PLANNED AT NATO. (SEE USNATO 4297).

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6. PENSION SCHEME - REVERSIONARY RIGHTS FOR WIDOWERS:

UNITED KINGDOM DEL RAISED ITEM UNDER OTHER BUSINESS
AND IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANCE OF UK POSITION, HIS
STATEMENT IS QUOTED:

"I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY AUTHORITIES TO ASK YOU
MR. CHAIRMAN TO ARRANGE FOR THE COMMITTEE OF COORDINA-
TION TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF REVERSIONARY PENSION
RIGHTS FOR WIDOWERS OF STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE
COORDINATED ORGANISATION. MY AUTHORITIES ARE OF THE
OPINION THAT THIS SUBJECT IS NOW APPROPRIATE FOR
EXAMINATION BY THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDLY
GROWING CONCERN OF THE FEMALE STAFF IN THE ORGANISATION
OVER THE QUESTION. IN ASKING FOR THIS EXAMINATION,
I SHOULD ADD THAT MY AUTHORITIES ARE NOT AT PRESENT
CONVINCED THAT THE TIME IS RIPE TO GRANT SUCH
REVERSIONARY RIGHTS BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO EXAMINE THE
ISSUES WITH AN OPEN MIND TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT
PROGRESS CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME. IN PARTICULAR,
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WE SHALL WISH TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THOSE
PROVISIONS OF THE PENSION SCHEME WHICH GIVE GUARANTEED
MINIMUM PENSIONS TO WIDOWS, AT A RATE WHICH IS GREATER
THAN HAS ACTUALLY BEEN EARNED BY THE PERIOD OF SERVICE
OF THE STAFF MEMBER CONCERNED; WE WILL CERTAINLY WISH
TO CONSIDER WHETHER SUCH ENHANCED RATES SHOULD BE
APPLICABLE TO ALL WIDOWERS' REVERSIONARY PENSIONS.
I THEREFORE HOPE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THIS PROPOSITION
FOR A STUDY WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THOSE PRESENT HERE.
I SUGGEST THAT WE MIGHT CONSIDER THE MODALITIES OF THE
STUDY AT OUR NEXT MEETING."
COORDINATING COMMITTEE AGREED TO DISCUSS ITEM AT
JUNE 20-21 MEETING. NOTE: ITEM STILL APPEARS ON JUNE
1 OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGENDA, BUT SECRETARIAT IS
PLANNING QUICK BRUSH WITH REFERRAL TO CCG.
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